



## Remploy Support Groups

### **To: All Remploy Factory and Employment Services Workplace Employees**

It is now absolutely crystal clear that the government intends to go beyond the recommendations in the Sayce report. The government's consultation document which was launched on the 11<sup>th</sup> July confirms the complete closure of Remploy factories and the privatisation of Employment Services. It also advocates the compulsory redundancy of those disabled people who are left on Remploy terms and conditions.

The Tory led Coalition Government has decided to abandon the commitments given by the last Labour Government and make thousands of disabled workers compulsory redundant. The Minister Maria Miller met with senior trade union officials from Unite and GMB on the 13<sup>th</sup> July and clearly stated that her Government was not prepared to fund any part of Remploy in the future. Their intention is to remove the name of Remploy and all it represents for disabled people now and in the future.

You now have to defend your jobs and the jobs of future disabled people. The Remploy Consortium of Trade Unions is asking you to take an active part in our campaign and as a first step we are asking you and your colleagues to establish a factory and workplace Action Group. The Action Group should consist of Remploy employees who work in factories, Business offices, Employment Services branches and workplaces including CCTV sites.

The Trade Union Shop Stewards, Safety Reps and Union Learning Reps should lead on the formation of these Committees. Anyone and everyone who works for Remploy can be involved in this committee. We would urge you, once these committees have been formed, to meet on a weekly basis to decide your factory's campaign activities, such as visiting your MP, lobbying local councillors and raising awareness of the benefits that Remploy can bring to the community. We expect that these factory Action Groups will develop into wider based campaign groups which could include family members, partners, trades councils, local celebrities and just about anybody that cares about disabled people.

The Remploy Trade Union Consortium will be monitoring and supporting your group's work. For further information or if you have any comments please contact

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Time is our worst enemy and doing nothing is not an option so set up your Action Group immediately

Yours sincerely



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